

APO-AI/AII PEPTIDE DERIVATIVES**Abstract**

5 The present invention concerns therapeutic agents that mimic the activity of Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide. In accordance with the present invention, the compounds of the invention comprise:

- 10 a. a Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide or Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide -mimetic domain, preferably the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 7, or sequences derived therefrom by phage display, RNA-peptide screening, or the other techniques mentioned above; and
- b. a vehicle, such as a polymer (e.g., PEG or dextran) or an Fc domain, which is preferred;

15 wherein the vehicle, preferably an Fc domain, is covalently attached to the Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide or Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide -mimetic domain. The vehicle and the Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide or Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide -mimetic domain may be linked through the N- or C-terminus of the Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide or Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide -mimetic domain, as described further

20 below. The preferred vehicle is an Fc domain, and the preferred Fc domain is an IgG Fc domain. Preferred Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide or Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide -mimetic domains comprise the amino acid sequences described in Table 1. Other Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide or Apo-AI amphipathic helix peptide -mimetic domains can be generated

25 by phage display, RNA-peptide screening and the other techniques mentioned herein.

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